AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of binding content to a hub network, comprising:

receiving a request to bind a discrete instance of content to a hub network including a single server and one or more clients as members of said hub network,

wherein said discrete instance includes discrete locked content data and a discrete license associated with the discrete locked content data, wherein said discrete content data and the discrete license are stored on said server,

wherein the discrete license is not bound to said hub network;

disabling said discrete instance;

enabling a bound instance to bind said discrete locked content data to said hub network at the server as source locked content data,

wherein said bound instance includes source locked content data and a root license associated with the source locked content data,

wherein said source content data and said root license ~~stored~~ are stored on said server, and

wherein said root license is bound to said hub network.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said discrete instance stored on compliant media; wherein compliant media is readable and writable electronic storage media.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said discrete instance has a corresponding discrete license.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein:

disabling said discrete instance includes disabling said discrete license.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein:

enabling a bound instance includes creating said root license according to said discrete license.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said server will decrypt said discrete locked content data after disabling said discrete ~~version~~ instance upon request.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said root license indicates said server has root responsibility for said source locked content data~~version~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating a sub-copy locked content data, which is a copy of said source ~~discrete~~ locked content data; and

storing said sub-copy ~~copy as said source~~ locked content data at a client within the hub network.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating bound licensing authority data according to discrete licensing authority data;

wherein said discrete licensing authority data corresponds to said discrete ~~version~~ instance and said discrete licensing authority data indicates an external server is an external licensing authority, said bound licensing authority data corresponds to said source ~~version~~ locked content data and said bound licensing authority data indicates said root license is a local licensing authority and said external server is an external licensing authority.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said discrete instance has a corresponding revocation list of one or more revoked devices,

wherein a revoked device is a device with an authorization to participate in a hub network that has been revoked.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

checking whether said server is in said revocation list before disabling said discrete instance and enabling said bound instance.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

updating a server revocation list stored by said server according to said revocation list of said discrete instance; and

checking whether said server is in said server revocation list before disabling said discrete instance and enabling said bound instance.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

creating a revocation list corresponding to said bound instance by creating a copy of said revocation list corresponding to said discrete instance.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said server and said one or more clients are compliant devices, a compliant device will not decrypt locked content data without a license that is bound to a hub network of which the compliant device is a member.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein:

a compliant device that is not a member of said hub network will only decrypt said discrete locked content data upon request while said discrete instance is not disabled.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating a source key by copying a discrete key;

wherein said discrete key is for decrypting said discrete locked content data, and said source key is for decrypting said source locked content data.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said discrete locked content data is encrypted using a content encryption technique, said source locked content data is encrypted using said content encryption technique, said discrete key is encrypted using a hub network encryption technique that is different from said content encryption technique, and said source key is encrypted using said hub network encryption technique.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein:

said server stores a hub network key for decrypting data encrypted using said hub network encryption technique.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein:

said hub network encryption technique is different from said content encryption technique because said hub network encryption technique uses a different key for encrypting data than the key that said content encryption technique uses for encrypting data.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein:

said root license is encrypted using said hub network encryption technique.

21. – 38. (Canceled)

39. (Withdrawn) A method of binding content to a hub network, comprising:

receiving a request to bind a discrete instance to a hub network including a server and a client as members of said hub network, wherein said discrete instance includes discrete locked content data, a discrete license, and discrete licensing authority data;

disabling said discrete instance; and

creating a bound instance, wherein said bound instance includes source locked content data, a root license, and bound licensing authority data;

wherein said root license is bound to said hub network.

40. – 70. (Canceled)

71. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein

said discrete instance being independent of any hub network and capable of being played or presented through any compliant device, the compliant device being incapable of making a duplicative copy of the discrete instance;

said bound instance can only be played or presented or having copies distributed among zero of more clients in the hub network.